SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK – PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT TORNADOES

RUN TIME: 60 SECONDS

ANNOUNCER: It's Severe Weather Awareness Week, and the best way to keep you and your family safe is to educate yourself.

MALE: According to the National Weather Service, tornadoes can occur in Iowa at any time of day and in any month of the year. But April, May and June are the prime months for tornadoes. This week, take a little extra time to understand how to prepare for tornadoes to keep you and your family safe.

A tornado watch is issued when conditions are favorable for the development of a tornado, and a warning indicates a tornado has already been spotted. Always know the county where you reside, and the surrounding counties, to ensure you're aware of the areas in danger.

If you're threatened by a tornado, take these precautions: If you're indoors, move to a basement or interior room, get under something sturdy, cover your head, and stay sheltered until the storm has passed.

ANNOUNCER: Make sure you and your family are prepared for an emergency...visit Be Ready lowa dot org. Brought to you by lowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management through a grant from Citizen Corps.